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97892. No. 2719. A wild legume with small green seeds and narrow dark-brown pods; collected in the grounds of the experiment station.

97893. No. 2771. Collected on the roadside. A dark dusky red-flowered legume of rather scraggly habit. Not very promising looking as a cover crop, but it may be quite decorative under culture.

97894 and 97895. *PHASEOLUS VULGARIS* L. Common bean.

No. 2586. Collected on Eleuthera, Bahama Islands, January 11, 1932. The bean commonly used by the people of the island, who pronounce it excellent for cooking but not so palatable as the pigeonpea.

97894. White beans.

97895. Red spotted white beans.

97896. *PHASEOLUS* sp.

No. 46. Collected January 11, 1932, at Spanish Wells, Bahama Islands. A rather long small round podded bean growing at the edge of trails and cultivated land.

97897. *STIZOLOBIUM ATERRIMUM* Piper and Tracy. Fabaceae.

Mauritius bean.

No. 2738. From St. Lucia, February 3, 1932. A black-seeded velvetbean bought in the market where it was sold as coffee.

97898. *TABERNAEMONTANA* sp. Apocynaceae.

No. 2595. Collected in Nassau, January 12, 1932. A shrub with fragrant white flowers which are followed by two fleshy pods which, as they split open, expose rows of brilliant orange seeds. The arillus stains one's fingers bright orange.

97899. *TILLANDSIA* sp. Bromeliaceae.

No. 2732. From St. Lucia, February 3, 1932. A large species with purple inflorescence which climbs to the top of large trees, completely covering them. There are more beautiful and showy species, but this is the most vigorous and abundant ever seen.

97900. *TOLUIFFERA PEREIRAE* (Klotzsch) Baill. Fabaceae. Balsam-of-Peru.

No. 2650. From Port Orange, St. Eustatius, January 22, 1932. A handsome tree with glossy green foliage. It will probably be a good street tree.

For previous introduction see 66245.

97901. *STEGNOSPHERMA HALIMIFOLIUM* Benth. Phytolaccaceae.

No. 2605. From Beata Island, Dominican Republic, January 17, 1932.

For previous introduction and description see 97580.

97902. *ZIZIPHUS* sp. Rhamnaceae

No. 2781. Collected January 25, 1932, in the Botanic Garden, Dominica. A large tree, a foot in diameter, with drooping branches and small greenish fruits the size of small marbles which are scarcely edible. Introduced for comparison with forms now growing in this country.

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97903. (Undetermined.)

From Beata Island, Dominican Republic. Received without notes.

97904. *PORTLANDIA DOMINGENSIS* Britton. Rubiaceae.

No. 2624. Collected January 20, 1932, on Saona Island, Dominican Republic. A strand shrub with glossy evergreen leaves and large angular pods. Flowers not seen, but the shrub may be valuable for windbreak purposes.

97905. *BUMELIA OBOVATA* (Lam.) DC. Sapotaceae.

No. 2622. Collected January 20, 1932, on Saona Island. A handsome evergreen tree about 20 feet high, with dark-green coriaceous obovate leaves and small black sweet berries. As the tree was growing near the coast, it would be suitable for culture on wind-swept beaches, and may prove a good hedge or windbreak tree.

97906. (Undetermined.)

No. 2788. Collected January 20, 1932, on the strand of Saona Island. A tree with long glossy coriaceous leaves and a habit that may make it an excellent windbreak tree on salty land.

97907. (Undetermined.)

No. 2654. Collected on St. Kitts, January 24, 1932, at 1,700 feet altitude. A shrub with attractive bluish fruits borne in clusters on long pendent branches.

97908. *LONCHOCARPUS* sp. Fabaceae.

No. 2680. Collected on St. Eustatius, January 22, 1932. An attractive tree 50 feet high with a stately trunk and gray clean bark, but rather thin foliage. It may be useful as a street tree.

97909. *LONCHOCARPUS* sp. Fabaceae.

No. 45. Collected at St. Lucia, February 3, 1932. A small ornamental tree found in a dry situation.

97910 to 97918. Phoenicaceae. Palm.

From Surinam and British Guiana. Seeds collected by David Fairchild and P. H. Dorsett, agricultural explorers, Bureau of Plant Industry, with the 1931-32 Allison V. Armour expedition to the West Indies. Received March 14, 1932.

97910. *ASTROCARYUM PARAMACA* Mart.

No. 3685. Purchased in the market at Paramaribo, Surinam, March 2, 1932. A low-growing very attractive shade-loving pinnate palm from 6 to 8 feet high, with the pinnae all in one plane. The inflorescence consists of a single central upright spadix to which the fruits are attached by a peduncle 1 inch long. The fruits are small, an inch long, with tiny black spines and a tough oily endosperm.

97911. *ELAEIS MELANOCOCCA* Gaertn.

No. 3683. Collected near Station Onverwacht, Surinam, March 3, 1932. A wide-spreading low palm which grows in damp situations. It is closely related to the African oil palm (*Elaeis guineensis*), and from the kernels a clear oil is extracted in small quantities by the natives, who prize it highly for cooking.

For previous introduction see 92196.